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To: MAVEA Directors

From: John Stivers

Re: The revised Maine State Assessment of Vocational-Technical Education Program Quality ("Self Assessment Survey")

Those of you who attended the Perkins Workshop last month heard me talk about the Self Assessment Survey, which is now due into our office no later than January 15, 2001. At that time, I agreed to revise the survey, as many directors felt that the survey to some extent was both outdated and confusing.

Please find accompanying this notice the revised Self Assessment Survey. Thanks to your comments, I believe the survey will reap much more relevant and timely information than it would have otherwise. It is, I hope, both easier to understand and complete while also being more precise and comprehensive.

As I mentioned during the workshop, this assessment is meant to help you identify aspects of your various programs that need improvement, which in turn should inform your amended Perkins Plan due in next fall, especially the "Program Improvement" section of your application.

I also mentioned that the survey will be a great help to us in the department in that we can begin to understand and address program quality on a wide basis by reviewing the surveys. In essence, we can perform desk audits of program quality and use these as a basis for restarting our long dormant mission of rotating program visits.

I think you'll agree that this version is a significant improvement over the former version; however, if you and your staff have already completed and submitted the old version, do not feel obligated to redo them.

Please do call me if I can further clarify any questions you may have concerning the survey.